



Junkanoo Journal

Volunteering

Official Newsletter of
U.S. Embassy Nassau

January 2006

The studio of Bahamas Embassy Mission Family, BEMF, a 500 watt local radio station, broadcasting a weekly variety show. The year is 2006.

THE VOLUNTEER BROADCASTING SYSTEM.
GOOD EVENING! WELCOME TO THE BEMA RADIO HOUR, DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO GIVE OF THEMSELVES THROUGH VOLUNTEERING. OUR SPECIAL GUESTS THIS EVENING ARE GEORGE BURNS AND GRACIE ALLEN. SPECIAL GUEST INCLUDE OUR MISSION FAMILY WHO SPONSORED NEWCOMERS THIS PAST SUMMER.

Voluntaries step to the microphone and sing to the tune of "Pepsi Cola Hits the Spot":

VOLUNTEERING HITS THE SPOT
HELP ONE PERSON, THAT'S A LOT
TWICE AS MUCH FOR YOUR EFFORTS, TOO
VOLUNTEERING IS THE WORK FOR YOU.

Announcer: THANK YOU LOVELY LADIES AND NOW LET'S JOIN GEORGE BURNS AND GRACIE ALLEN. GRACIE IS TELLING GEORGE THAT SHE HAS BECOME A VOLUNTEER.

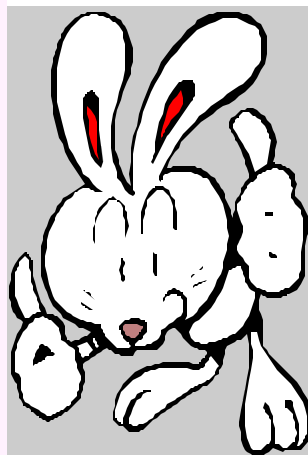
George and Gracie come to microphone. Announcer steps to one side.

George: SO YOU'RE VOLUNTEERING, GRACIE?

Gracie: WELL, YES, I AM, GEORGE.


George: HOW DID THAT HAPPEN, GRACIE?

Gracie: WELL, I WAS STANDING IN THE POST OFFICE AND I SAW A SIGN THAT SAID "WANTED - REWARD" AND THERE WAS A MAN'S PICTURE ON IT. SO I SAID TO THE WOMAN NEXT TO ME, "WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO BE WANTED?"




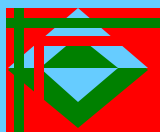
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2005 Sponsors



Mike and Joellen Bulgrin
Sophie Cason
Kay Crawford
Kate, Connor and Greg Floyd
Melissa and Mike Honigstein
Lori Johns
Sharon James
Rick James
Steve and Katrina McGinnis
Joyce Murray
Chris Schueler*****
Paul Schmidt***
Amy and Paul Smith*****
Silas and Christine Spengler
Mike and Edie Taylor
Karen Wiebelhaus
Pat and Rod Wielkie
A.Z. Zaiback





Junka-news

January Birthdays

Bridgitte May	1.01	DEA
Thomas Byrnes	1.05	DEA
Gricelida Rodriguez	1.05	CBP
Patrice Campbell	1.05	CONS
Erik Hetrick	1.06	MSG
Silas Spengler	1.07	DEA
Anthony Cartwright	1.08	MSG DRIVER
Raymond Catena	1.08	DEA
Kevin McLaughlin	1.10	DEA
Monique Bain	1.12	GSO
Gerald Oldham	1.16	RSO
Damon Campbell	1.18	GSO
Anthony Cartwright	1.18	MSG DRIVER
Dorothy St. Claud	1.22	GSO
Briggs Strugis	1.24	NLO
Orlando Estrada	1.24	OPBAT
John Wesley Kane	1.25	IPC
Deborah Newbold	1.26	MGT
Norman Pottinger Sr.	1.27	CBP - NASU
Damon Edwards	1.28	OPBAT

A Poem For Those Over 30

A computer was something on TV
From a science fiction show of note
A window was something you hated to clean
And ram was the cousin of a goat.
Meg was the name of my girlfriend
And gig was a job for the nights
Now they all mean different things
And that really mega bites.
An application was for employment
A program was a TV show
A curser used profanity
A keyboard was a piano.
Memory was something that you lost with age
A CD was a bank account
And if you had a 3 inch floppy
You hoped nobody found out.
Compress was something you did to the garbage
Not something you did to a file.
And if you unzipped anything in public
You'd be in jail for awhile.
Log on was adding wood to the fire
Hard drive was a long trip on the road
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
And a back up happened to your commode.
Cut you did with a pocket knife.
Paste you did with glue
A web was a spider's home
And a virus was the flu.
I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
But when it happens, they'll wish they were dead.
Author Unknown

New Years 1999!!!! Lunch Bunch



When you were born, you cried
and the world rejoiced... Live
your life so that when you die, the
world cries and you rejoice."

Essential Numbers

Embassy	322-1181	Duty Officer Cell	357-7004
Post One Emergency	328-2206	Sandyport Health Unit	327-1850/52
if busy:	356-3229	Nurse Carol Clowes	427-2508
or cell:	457-3892	Police/Fire Emergency	919/911

Our World Is Changing!!!!

Oh , it's happening to fast!! Just as soon as the holidays were over and I thought I could get a little breath, things changed. First, I got a few phone calls, the next day the calls doubled, the third day I figured I needed to incorporate the old excel spread-sheet. Many families are leaving and of course many are coming. Take a look at the turn over below.

It is with my sincere hope that everyone will help greet our new arrivals with open arms.. Naturally we are currently assigning sponsors. If you an urge to make a difference and would like to sponsor a new family or individual please let us know. The Smith family were my "Volunteer of the Year" last year. They sponsored four families. Hopefully this year we can have more volunteers.

Saying Goodbye is Never Easy

Charles and Terri Alvarez
Joseph and Tonia Hill
Joyce Murray
Kay Crawford
Mike and Edie Taylor
John and Kimberly Kane
A.Z. and Ester Zaiback
Scott Buttrick
Tom and Maureen Byrnes
Mike and Joellen Bulgrin
Silas and Christine Spengler
Devin Unruh
Terry and Lori Johns

New Arrivals
Daniel O'Connor and family
Joey Klinger and family
Daniel Trujillo
Margo Porgorleski
Pam Taylor
Bonito Johnson
Kathleen Brito
David Elmo
Julie Bradshaw
Eugene Reyes



SPONSORING!



Being a great sponsor can have such a positive effect on a new family. From getting them acquainted to their new location, explaining how to drive on the opposite side of the road, or just being there can help a new family adjust so much easier.. All these little things make such a difference. For some families this may be their first move to a foreign country, and to others it may even be their first move ever. Ouch!!! As a professional mover, I remember the days when I hardly had the patience to deal with the telephone company when they told me it would be two weeks before they could come out. Next, the cable company who you waited for a month to show, finally arrives but didn't bring the necessary equipment. I can't tell you how many times I called the (No Name) Water people when I got here. I thought I would have to dig my own well..... Well you get the picture. Many sponsors have acquired new friends . Of course there are a few who have learned never to bunk with their sponsoree!! Any how, you can make a difference. **Please volunteer!**

Gracie and George Continued!!!!

Gracie: SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE WAS ALWAYS WANTED AND WHAT SHE DID WAS VERY REWARDING. I SAID, "THAT'S NICE, WHAT DO YOU DO?" SHE SAID THAT SHE VOLUNTEERED AS A SPONSOR. I ASKED HER IF SHE HAD HER PICTURE UP IN THE POST OFFICE, TOO, AND SHE SAID, "NO." BUT SHE GAVE ME A BROCHURE WITH A PHONE NUMBER TO CALL.

George: AND SO YOU CALLED THE NUMBER?

Gracie: WELL, NO. FIRST I WENT TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND HAD MY PICTURE TAKEN AND THEN I CALLED THE NUMBER.

George: SO NOW YOU'RE A VOLUNTEER?

Gracie: WHEN I CALLED I TOLD THEM I ALREADY HAD MY PICTURE AND ALL I NEEDED WAS TO BE WANTED.

George: HMM, LIKE IN THE POST OFFICE POSTERS?

Gracie: YES, GEORGE, AND THEN I ASKED THE PERSON ON THE PHONE IF THERE WOULD BE A REWARD, BUT, GEORGE, SHE SAID THE STRANGEST THING.

George: WHAT WAS THAT, GRACIE?

Gracie: SHE SAID THEY REALLY LIKED "GIVING PEOPLE"....

George: SO YOU VOLUNTEERED?

Gracie: NO, GEORGE, I EXPLAINED THAT I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO GIVE ME ANY PEOPLE. I WANTED TO GIVE THEM MY PICTURE FOR A REWARD.

George: AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED, GRACIE? DID THEY PUT YOU ON THEIR MOST WANTED LIST?

Gracie: THEY DID SAY THAT THEY WANTED TO RECOGNIZE ME AND I ASKED THEM HOW COULD THEY RECOGNIZE ME IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE MY PICTURE?

George: AND?

Gracie: AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, GEORGE. THEY SAID THEY COULDN'T RECOGNIZE ME UNTIL THE END OF APRIL WHEN IT'S NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AND THAT'S WHEN I SAID I WOULD VOLUNTEER ONCE A WEEK SO THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO PUT MY PICTURE IN THE POST OFFICE.

George: AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED, GRACIE?

Gracie: WHAT A FUNNY GROUP OF PEOPLE THEY HAVE THERE, GEORGE. HOW DO THEY KNOW WHO THEIR VOLUNTEERS ARE IF THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE THEM AND THEN THEY SAY THEY RECOGNIZE THEM ALL AT ONE TIME?

George: GRACIE, I THINK THAT IS CALLED A "EUREKA MOMENT."

Gracie: OH, NO, GEORGE, IT IS CALLED....

George: Interrupting) SAY "GOODNIGHT," GRACIE.



Woodcock Reading Group

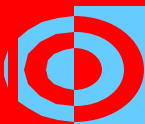


I t's that time again! The volunteer reading program at Woodcock Primary School will resume tomorrow, Wednesday, January 25 at the usual time 12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. I look forward to your participation. We encourage everyone including spouses. Please contact me by phone or e-mail if you plan to attend. Make a difference in a child's life!

Thanks and enjoy your day,

Lisa Moxey
Information Assistant
American Embassy





Management Notice: CELL PHONE POLICY

This Management Notice reissues a policy first published in February 2005. I want to reiterate the Embassy's policy regarding cell phone use for all Department of State employees. These guidelines are provided to ensure compliance with federal regulations that require that telephone use be verified to prevent abuse and maintain control over telephone expenses.

Cellular Telephone Eligibility, Payment Responsibilities, and Guidelines for Use

Upon request from the Chief of Section, the General Services Office will issue a cellular phone to any Department of State or Foreign Service National employee. The request for cell phone issuance should include the justification and be addressed to the General Services Officer. The justification should include the purpose of the phone, why existing resources are not sufficient, the expected extent of usage of the telephone (i.e. number of times the telephone is likely to be used in a month), and any other relevant considerations.

The General Services Office will procure a SIM card and basic service for the issued telephones. Supervisors of cell phone holders will approve calls made by the employee. The GSO will then certify the monthly billing statement to the Management Officer for payment. The Embassy will pay for the basic charges related to the telephone.

Payment for personal calls

Each employee must regularly attest to the official nature of all telephone bills and reimburse the Government for personal telephone charges, as appropriate. Accounts Receivable records are maintained in the Financial Management Office. Notices of amounts due and outstanding for personal telephone/cell phone charges will be sent regularly, and at least once each quarter.

Accountability, Loss and Theft Procedures

The General Services Officer is responsible for ordering, receiving, storage, utilization, accountability, standardization, maintenance and repair, inventory, disposal, and property control of government issued cellular telephones for Department of State personnel (6 FAM 221.2-1).

Each employee is responsible for the proper care, custody, and effective use of U.S. Government property issued for the employee's use and may be held liable for the property if it is damaged, lost or destroyed as a result of negligence, improper use, or willful action on employee's part. Employees are required to immediately report the loss or theft of government-issued cell phone to the General Service Office.

Procedures set out in 6 FAM 221.2-10, 6 FAM 226.5, etc. pertain to incidences of theft, loss, damage or destruction of U.S. Government property issued for employees' official use. If a phone is lost or stolen, an employee must provide a written explanation of the circumstances to the GSO. Please make sure to provide any police reports or other supporting documentation.

If the employee is found liable, GSO will purchase a new cell phone and bill the employee. The replacement telephone remains U.S. Government property and must be returned before departure from post.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the GSO or the Management Officer.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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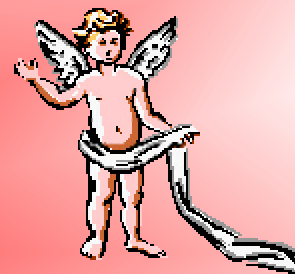
KID'S PAGE.... VALENTINES DAY



Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

Every February we celebrate Valentines Day by giving flowers, candy and cards to those we love. We do this in honor of Saint Valentine. You may be wondering, "Who is St. Valentine"?

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine, decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions he had him put to death. Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Before he was put to death he sent the first 'valentine' himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it 'Your Valentine', words still used on cards today. Perhaps we'll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentines ranks second only to Christmas in number of greeting cards sent. Another valentine gentleman you may be wondering about is Cupid (Latin cupido, "desire"). In Roman mythology Cupid is the son of Venus, goddess of love. His counterpart in Greek mythology is Eros, god of love. Cupid is often said to be a mischievous boy who goes around wounding both gods and humans with his arrows, causing them to fall in love.



CRAFT

Hard Candy Wreath

What You Need

- 1 coat hanger
- Approximately 30 pieces of assorted, wrapped hard candies, suckers, etc.
- Approximately 30 pieces of colorful curling ribbon, cut into 8" pieces
- Wire cutters
- Pliers to bend the hanger
- Masking tape
- A dull pair of scissors to curl the ribbon

How To Make It

Unbend the hanger and cut it in half (this will be enough for 2 kids).

Bend the 1/2 hanger into a circle leaving about 4" at the top to make a hook. Twist the end to make it look like a circle with a hook on it.

Cut your curling ribbon into 8" pieces.

Fold your ribbon in half. In the middle of that ribbon tie one piece of candy. Tie it on the end of the candy where the paper twists.

Now tie the candy with 2 knots tightly on to the hanger. Tie the candy right next to the wire to help cover it up.

Use the scissors to curl the ribbon on each end.

Repeat the process for all your candy pieces.

It might take a few more or less than 30 depending on the size of each candy. Suckers should be tied close to the head. You may add a ribbon on the top to cover the hook if you want. Some people also tie on a pair of scissors so people can eat the candy .



Announcements



FRESH

FROM THE GARDEN – MADE TO ORDER

\$8.00 regular Greek Salad

\$10.00 Salad with choice of Anchovies or Chicken

\$5.00 Lentil Soup

\$8.00 Soup & Salad Combo

\$6.00 Pastitsio Greek Lasagna

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Made with garden fresh:

Romaine Hearts, Vine ripen tomatoes,

Oil/vinegar, Cucumbers, onions,

Greek Olives, Feta Cheese

with a fresh Pita Bread

Thursday Delivery time 12:00pm – 1:00pm

All order need to be made by COB Tuesday

If interested please contact: Ann Daley ext 4349

Exact payment needed before 10:00 am

### **New Play Group Forming, All are Invited!!!**

Lets get together to play on Tuesdays!!!

New Play group Starting Tuesday,

January 31<sup>st</sup>!!!

Time: 1:00-3:00

Place: Sandy Port playground

Please bring a friend all are wel-  
come!!!

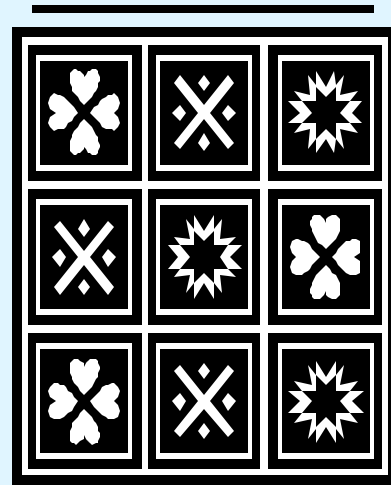
For more information please call

Patty Foran

At 327-1439



## The Stepping Stone Quilters' Seventeenth Annual Quilt Show 2006



Trinity Methodist Church  
Frederick Street, Nassau

Now thru February 4th  
10:00 am -4:00 pm  
Admission is free



## Announcements

### CLO Office Hours

**They haven't changed!!!**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Monday through Friday**

**In the event you cannot reach me  
please leave your name and  
number. I will gladly call you back.**

**Cell 424-3478**

**Office 322-1181 4254**

### Cans for Kids

**Cans for Kids** is a non-profit organization that uses recycling to finance youth programs.

You can help by separating your cans and take them to recycling depots at any City Market or Esso Gas location or participating school.

For more information, call 394-8880.

The Embassy of the United States is happy to announce that the Ambassador plans to initiate periodic Town Hall meetings with U.S. citizens residing in New Providence. The first meeting will be held on January 27, 2006. The meeting will take place on Friday afternoon. The exact time and location will be sent to the first 200 U.S. citizens who confirm their attendance as seating is limited.

Adult U.S. citizens who wish to attend this Town Hall meeting are requested to respond to this e-mail ASAP by providing the full names of those who plan to attend. The Embassy will send out the confirmations and the exact time and place of the meeting by Tuesday afternoon.

### Military Spouse Scholarships

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for NMFA's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships. Any uniformed service spouse - active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve, or survivor - studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school is encouraged to apply. Scholarships, normally in the amount of \$1,000, may be used for tuition, fees, books, and school room and board. The number of scholarships awarded each year varies. Applications can be found at [www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006](http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006). Applications will only be accepted online and must be submitted by midnight April 15, 2006.

### y Spouse Scholarship

### SAYING GOODBYE

It is with a sad but thankful heart that I correspond with you today. I am sad to leave the work place of such warm-gifted individuals, and thankful for the impact that you have made on my life, especially those whom I have known and worked with over the last 17 + years. The transition was not as easy as I had envisioned. I am thankful for the "gala party" last week, to all of you who attended or contributed in any way, a great "THANK YOU". It was much appreciated.

Thanks for the positive impact you have made on my life, and I look to crossing paths in the future.

Blessings,

Immaculata Hamilton





**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS  
JANUARY 20, 2006**

We have been advised by the Department of State to share this information.

**AVIAN INFLUENZA FACT SHEET**

This Fact Sheet alerts Americans to the Department of State's preparedness efforts with respect to a possible avian influenza pandemic. The Department of State emphasizes that, in the event of a pandemic, its ability to assist Americans traveling and residing abroad may be severely limited due to restrictions on local and international movement imposed for public health reasons. Furthermore, American citizens should take note that the Department of State cannot provide Americans traveling or living abroad with medications, including in the event of a pandemic.

**Background - H5N1 Avian Influenza**

A number of countries have reported cases of avian influenza, commonly referred to as "bird flu" in their domestic and wild bird populations. The H5N1 strain of influenza causes severe disease in domesticated fowl. In addition, there continues to be a number of confirmed cases of bird-to-human transmissions of avian influenza, many of which have resulted in death. Please visit the World Health Organization (WHO) website, [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/country/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/country/en/) for the most up to date information on the countries affected and the number of deaths.

The vast majority of the known human cases have resulted from direct contact with poultry, and there is only limited evidence to suggest possible human-to-human transmission. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the WHO, and the Department of State are nonetheless concerned about the potential for human-to-human transmission of this highly dangerous flu strain, and are working closely with other partners in an effort to monitor the outbreak.

Concerns about the possibility of an avian influenza pandemic have prompted international and national efforts to institute pandemic preparedness measures. Information on the U.S. Government's overall response and efforts is available at [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov).

**Travel and Avian Influenza**

The Department of State, the CDC and the WHO have not issued any travel alerts or warnings for avian flu-infected areas. However, the CDC advises travelers to countries with documented H5N1 outbreaks to avoid poultry farms, contact with animals in live food markets, and any surfaces that appear to be contaminated with feces or fluids from poultry or other animals. American citizens traveling to or living in countries where avian influenza is prevalent should consider the potential risks and keep informed of the latest medical guidance and information in order to make appropriate plans. Specific CDC travel information relating to avian influenza, including preventive measures, is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/index.htm>. WHO guidance related to avian influenza is available at [http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/).

Additional, general country information can be obtained from the Department of State's Consular Information Sheets at <http://travel.state.gov/> and from the Department of State's toll-free number, 1-888-407-4747, or if calling from overseas, 202-501-4444.

## **Prevention, Response and Treatment - Take Charge of Your Plans**

A specific vaccine for humans that is effective in preventing avian influenza is not yet readily available. Based upon limited data, the CDC has suggested that the anti-viral medication Oseltamivir (brand name- Tamiflu) may be effective in treating avian influenza. Using this input, the Department of State has decided to pre-position the drug Tamiflu at its Embassies and Consulates worldwide, for eligible U.S. Government employees and their families serving abroad who become ill with avian influenza. We emphasize that this medication cannot be made available to private U.S. citizens abroad. Because of this, and because Tamiflu may not be readily available overseas, the State Department encourages American citizens traveling or living abroad to consult with their private physician about obtaining Tamiflu prior to travel, or whether Tamiflu is readily available in the country where they reside. Americans should also be aware of the potential health risk posed by counterfeit drugs, including those represented as Tamiflu, by internet scam artists or in countries with lax regulations governing the production and distribution of pharmaceuticals. In addition, the Department of State has asked its embassies and consulates to consider preparedness measures that take into consideration the fact that travel into or out of a country may not be possible, safe or medically advisable. Guidance on how private citizens can prepare for a "stay in place" response, including stockpiling food, water, and medical supplies, is available on the CDC and [pandemicflu.gov](http://pandemicflu.gov) websites.

It is also likely that governments will respond to a pandemic by imposing public health measures that restrict domestic and international movement, further limiting the U.S. Government's ability to assist Americans in these countries. Americans who are planning travel to a country that has reported the virus or who are concerned about the Avian flu are advised to monitor the CDC and the WHO web sites for the latest information.

Additional country information can be obtained from the Department of State's Consular Information Sheets at <http://travel.state.gov> <<http://www.travel.state.gov/index.html>> and from the Department of State's toll-free number, 1-888-407-4747, or if calling from overseas, 202-501-4444.

## **Subject: LONG DISTANCE PHONE USAGE AND PHONE CARD POLICY**

In an era of continuous budget decreases and in an effort to minimize costs where possible, Post will implement a phone card policy effective immediately for all Department of State employees.

Phone cards will be distributed to each section for the sole purpose of making official long distance calls. These cards can be used in conjunction with the IVG line and will require that you dial the AT&T 800 number and enter the pin number on the card before making a call. The cards do not need to be used if you are calling the Washington D.C. area or any of our embassies and consulates abroad and can dial directly using the IVG code. I understand that this may result in a wait to use the IVG line as it is limited but use of these calling cards should greatly reduce our long-distance bill each month. If the IVG line is down and the call is urgent, please inform your supervisor of the need to make a long distance call on the commercial line.

I realize that the use of calling cards makes the process more cumbersome, however, budgetary constraints make this and other cost cutting measures necessary. Ambassador Rood is fully committed to this policy and I know that we can count on everyone's cooperation and compliance in implementing this change. Please contact me at extension 4285, if you need any additional information.

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## **SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY TIME CHANGE**

Please be advised that the Employee Appreciation and Awards Ceremony which is scheduled for Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at the Ambassador's Residence, Liberty Overlook, will now take place from **11:00am – 1:00pm** (and will include a buffet lunch) instead of 2:00pm – 4:00pm as originally planned. The Ambassador hopes all Mission Personnel, both Bahamian and American are able to attend.

Also, any additional award nominations must be submitted by COB, Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. The Committee will meet at the end of next week to review all nominations. Employees are also reminded that awards previously submitted for the canceled ceremony in September will be considered for this ceremony.

The Employee Appreciation and Awards Ceremony is an opportunity for all of those to come together as a mission and recognize the hard work and achievement of many of our colleagues. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and recognition. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### **MISSION FAMILY READS..... UPDATE!!!**

Who Killed Sir Harry?", A Novel by Eric Minns

**In response to the above book, the author has left only four copies to be distributed and purchased by those participating in the Embassy book group. In all fairness because this is the next book the group is reading, the four copies need to go first to those participating.**

**The author has returned to Canada until next year. However, I am in touch with him and when I hear from him I will see if we can get more copies and what the cost will be for those in the community who are interested.**

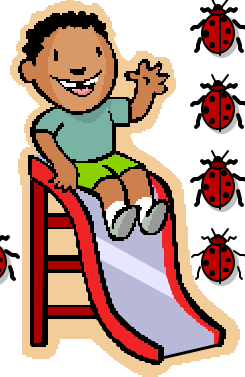
Anyone in the community not participating in the Embassy book group who would like a copy of the book, please e-mail me at [rpkailani@coralwave.com](mailto:rpkailani@coralwave.com) so that I can get an idea as to how many more books we need to get.

Pat Wielkie





Lets get together to play on Tuesdays!!!  
New Play group Started Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>!!!  
Time: 1:00-3:00  
Place: Sandy Port playground  
Please bring a friend all are welcome!!!  
For more information please call Patty Foran  
At 327-1439



#### LOST AND FOUND



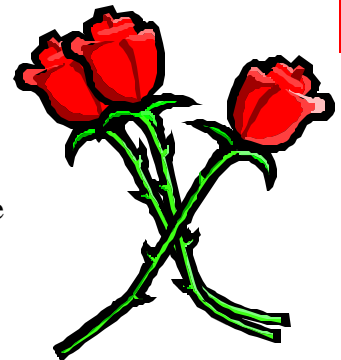
About two weeks ago someone left a pair of sunglasses near the shredder in the hall way on the first floor. If you are missing your sun glasses please see Joyce or Mad.

#### MORE LOST AND FOUND

If anyone accidentally picked up someone elses utensils at the Chili Cook Off, please return them to the CLOS office. NO questions will be asked. A small reward will be offered which will include tips for making next years winning Chili.

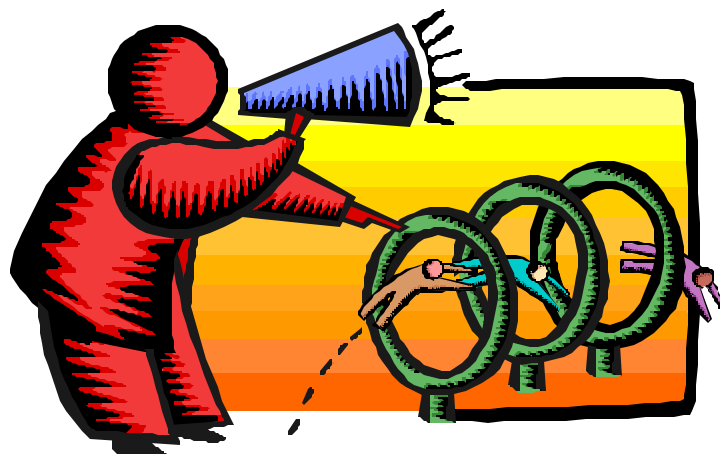
## Operation Love Our Troops,

an initiative launched by the military support group Soldiers' Angels and the Library of Life, is attempting to create the world's largest digital valentine to send to servicemembers deployed overseas. You can send valentine wishes to a particular deployed loved one, or send a general message to all troops. To send a message, visit [www.operationloveoutroops.org](http://www.operationloveoutroops.org) and fill in the box on the webpage to send an e-mail message or a voice message. All of the messages will be collected to create what is hoped will become a Guinness World Record for being the world's largest digital valentine. Messages are free and can be sent to Marine, Army, Navy, Coast Guard or Air Force members stationed anywhere in the world. The messages will be sent to the troops via email on February 14.



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# COMMISSARY NEWS



## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS ON THE COMMISSARY**

There are currently three vacant positions on the Commissary Board of Directors that needs to be filled soon. We are looking for volunteers to fill Commissary Board "Vice Chair", "Secretary", and "Assistant Secretary" positions.

The Board of Directors are charged with the management of commissary. They are responsible for the day-to-day running and financial health of the commissary.

The Commissary Board Secretary will be responsible custodian of documents save financial records. She/he will maintain all minutes, correspondence, track and record membership, issue notices of meetings and prepare agendas. Secretary will often be responsible with keeping the members informed of the results of Board meetings and other association issues. The secretary will also be responsible retaining all association legal files.

The Vice Chair assists the Chair in her duties and assumes all duties in the Chair's absence or in the vent of a vacancy of that position.

The Board usually meets once every two weeks, and a few times in between on an as needed basis.

If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting opportunity, please contact Kevin O'Grady or Bel Vanderploeg via email. By choosing to serve as a board member you will not only guide the commissary association down successful paths, but will also help with the morale of the community.

**The Commissary is now open Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 am-2:00 pm.**